Increase in royalty of Crude Oil

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to increase the rate of royalty on crude oil payable to Assam and Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what would be the expected revenue to be earned by Assam and Gujarat due to the increase in the rate of royalty;

(c) what is the expected oil production in Assam and Gujarat during 1985-86; and

(d) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to increase the price of petroleum products also as a result of the increase in the rate of royalty on crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The rate of royalty has been raised from Rs. 61 per tonne to Rs. 192 per tonne with effect from 1-4-1984.

During 1986-87, the expected revenue to be earned by Assam on an estimated production of 5.44 million tonnes works out to Rs. 105 crores; and to Gujarat Rs. 86 crores on an estimated production of 4.5 million tonnes.

(d) No, Sir.

Availability of electricty from sea waves

*249. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Survey Team which was sent to gulf of Kutch near Jodia in Jamnagar District at the creek of Hansthal has completed its work relating to assessment of the potential for generation of electricity from sea waves;

(b) if so, what are the findings of the Survey Team; and

(c) what is the response of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER, AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A large portion of the work relating to field surveys and data collection has been completed.

(b) Based upon the present knowledge of site conditions, a tidal power project seems technically feasible. However, detailed analysis as well as civil, electrical and design studies are still under progress.

(c) After the detailed techno-economic feasibility report has been prepared and submitted to Government, the viability of the project will be considered.

Closing down of offices of Public Undertainkgs in Foreign countries

*250. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the public sector undertakings which have their offices in foreign countries;